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In re Application of:	DeCaprio, Seppala and Rizq
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**Response To Restriction Requirement With Traverse**

Dear Examiner Ho:

Applicant provisionally elects species II and states that claims 1-3, and 6-15 are readable upon species II.

Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement as being inappropriate in that claims 4 and 5 are so related to the elected claims of species II that an extensive and burdensome search is not required. Also, since so many generic claims are identified and they all read on species II, and given the close relationship of the features of claims 4 and 5, those claims should be searched along with the remaining claims – again as this is not burdensome to the Examiner.

Applicant also points out that claim 3 is indicated as being readable upon both species I and II, but is not indicated as being a generic claim. This also raises questions as to the identification of the species, as how can claim 3 be distinct from itself, but not generic.

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Respectfully submitted,

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